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Northstate Roadways Ready for Holiday Travelers

REDDING – The Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has suspended all maintenance and construction work along the 1750 miles of state roadways in the seven north eastern counties of California for the Thanksgiving holiday. Traditionally the heaviest travel period, the roadways will be free of planned traffic controls from this afternoon until Monday, November 26, when many projects will resume. Caltrans hopes this will provide motorists the most expedient passage to their destinations.

Caltrans maintenance crews will be on duty in the event that inclimate weather or snow conditions cause travel problems. Snow conditions are expected in the higher elevations of District 2 where snow removal equipment and personnel will be patrolling and ready to clear the roadways. Motorists are asked to be prepared for adverse weather conditions by carrying the appropriate traction devices, have their vehicle in good working order and to carry emergency supplies in the event they are delayed.

Motorists are reminded that current road conditions for all 255-state highways in California are available through the Highway Information Network by calling 800-427-7623. The system was improved this week to allow callers to speak the desired route number and have the system automatically provide the actual road conditions. Previously callers selected the route by using the keypad of their telephone. The new system provides a safer usage for cell phone users while on the roadway by not having to take their eyes off the road to punch in the desired number.

Caltrans wishes all travelers a pleasant journey to and from their destination and a safe holiday season.